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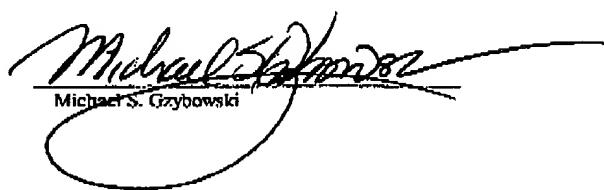
Appl. No. 09/976,312  
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**PATENT APPLICATION*****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

<i>Group</i>	<b>RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION</b>	
<i>Art Unit:</i>	3761	<b>EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED</b>
<i>Attorney</i>	<b>Certificates Under 37 CFR 1.8(a)</b>	
<i>Docket No.:</i>	121027-076 (new)	
<i>Applicant:</i>	Yoshinori KUMASAKA et al.	
<i>Invention:</i>	ELASTICALLY DISPOSABLE PANTS	STRETCHABLE
<i>Serial No.:</i>	09/976,312	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 23, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.